

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 9 and 14 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiners Pan and Truong at the interview held March 8, 2007, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

The previous Office Action rejected claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ito (U.S. Patent No. 6,525,836) in view of Yasakura (U.S. Patent No. 6,990,588). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Office Action asserts that Ito discloses, at Figure 15 element 42, an image display member on which a first image is displayed. To obviate this rejection and as agreed to by Examiners Pan and Truong, claim 1 is amended to recite an image display medium on which a first image is displayed.

Ito and Yasakura, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest an image forming section for forming a first image and a second image when the access of the data of the second image is authenticated and for forming the first image when authentication fails, as recited in amended independent claim 1. However, based on the discussion during the personal interview and upon Examiner Truong's suggestions, claim 1 is amended to replace the phrase "in all other cases" with the phrase "when authentication fails." Such an amendment, as indicated by Examiner Truong, obviates this rejection. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

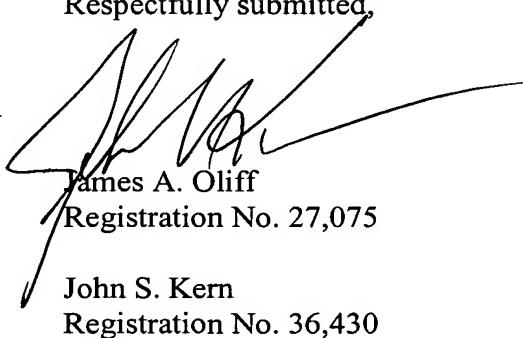
As also discussed in the interview, claim 9 is amended to recite "an image display medium to display images" and claim 14 is amended to recite a computer-readable medium containing a program that causes a computer to perform a process.

In accordance with the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 9, 11, 13 and 14 define patentable subject matter. Claims 2-8, 10 and 12 depend from claims 1, 9 and 11, respectively, and therefore also define patentable subject matter, as well as for the additional features they recite. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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